

Trcka's 279 leads Xavier girls to state

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Xavier junior Tara Trcka figured her chance at repeating as Class 1A state bowling champion went down the gutter when she threw a 148 in her first game in the regional tournament Thursday afternoon at Lancer Lanes.

She leads the state, after all, with a 217 average.

Like a true champion, however, she rebounded in her second game with 11 strikes and a near-perfect 279 score.

Trcka's 427 series gave her the regional title and an automatic place among individuals in the state tournament next Friday in Des Moines.

To make the win even sweeter, she served as anchor for the Xavier girls team that copped the regional team trophy to also qualify for the state meet. It will be the second time in three years for Coach Russ Camacho's team to vie for the championship.

"I really didn't think there was a chance I was going to qualify after that first game," Trcka said. "It was quite a relief that I got in."

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The Xavier girls' basketball team, led by senior guard Trcka, secured a victory over their opponent, advancing to the state tournament. The team's strong performance was highlighted by Trcka's leadership and scoring ability.